

# BRICKS PIECES

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The  
**LEGO**  
Club



# President's letter



## Dear Members

You usually see a picture of myself here, but this time I thought it would be a good idea to include the two Club Secretaries who are the ones who do most of the work!

They are Meryl Haggarty (left) and Sue Morris (right).

Their job is to ensure you are correctly entered into our computer and that your Membership packs, magazines and birthday cards etc are sent out on time. That means they have to make sure that over 400,000 items are mailed to the right members at the right time every year, so you can imagine that they are very busy people!

In addition, Meryl has the job of getting Bricks'n Pieces magazines printed and is also involved in the selection, design and production of the goodies offered on the Club Shop page.

So she has the title of Senior Club Secretary!

If you have any queries about your Club membership, you can now 'phone Meryl or Sue on a special direct number 0978 296290 instead of going through our main switchboard. Just part of the service we like to offer our Members.

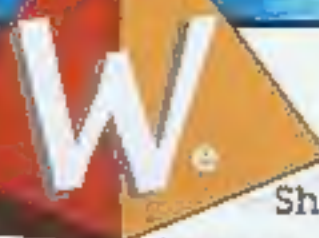
Best wishes - and happy building.

*Clive Nicholls*

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# Secrets



have planned a huge LEGO® Show for Bournemouth this summer.

The centrepiece will be the brand new "Secrets of the Pharaohs" seen in the UK for the first time.



Beautifully detailed LEGO models will show you how the pyramids were built, how huge statues were moved, daily life at Pharaoh's court, or a funerary procession down the Nile.

This show also includes a recreation of a tomb complex for you to walk through. The tomb has LEGO models of a sarcophagus, 'painted' chests, storage jars, and the 'golden' mask of Tutankhamun.

The tomb is guarded by large LEGO statues of jackal-headed gods and even the elaborate wall





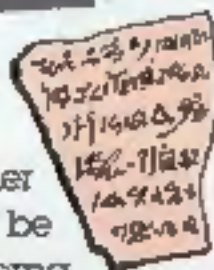
# of the Pharaohs

BOURNEMOUTH INTERNATIONAL CENTRE  
12th July until 2nd September



paintings have been recreated in LEGO bricks.

As if this were not enough, other areas in the huge Purbeck Hall will be converted into a cinema with LEGO films, a play area with £10,000 worth of LEGO bricks, and a LEGO shop with all the LEGO sets in the range.



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here will also be a series of Fun Fair stalls. Visitors can animate the displays with press buttons to bring a Haunted House, Hot Dog Stand, Wheel of Fortune to life.

Other large models include "The Orrible Ogre", our 11ft LEGO giant, a circus ring with clowns and a Robin Hood scene.

Children and adults alike should find lots to astonish and entertain them, the show is open 7 days a week from 10am to 6pm with car parking and catering facilities.

**FREE ENTRY**

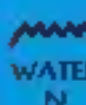
LEGO Club members will be able to get free admission upon presentation of their valid membership card. Admission prices for other children £1 and adults £1.50.



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# PIRATES



## Ahoy there Pirates - Have I got bad news for you!

Admiral Woodhouse has built a brand new stronghold at Port Royal (No. 6277) with lots of cannons, an extra secure prison, and a safe harbour for his ships.

The Admiral has also got a brand new ship 'Sea Lion' (No. 6271) with a real compass, cannons, 3 sails and a rudder to steer the ship from the bridge. It's rumoured to be a very fast ship indeed!

Things are looking grim for the Pirates, but I have heard that Captain Roger has called in his old friend Captain Ironhook to help steal the treasure.

The Pirates have found a new 'Palm Hide Out' (No. 6258) and Ironhook has a new Escape Craft (No. 6261) which looks just right for sneaking away from Port Royal with a treasure chest or two.

We'll just have to wait and see who ends up with the treasure. Captain Roger and Ironhook or Admiral Woodhouse and his men!

'Port Royal' will cost around £51, 'Sea Lion' around £31 and 'Ironhook's Escape Craft' around £8.75. They'll be in the shops in August.



# Technic

## NEW MODELS INCREASE TECHNIC POWER

Many of you will have now seen the new LEGO TECHNIC sets introduced into the shops in May. These include the super TECHNIC Pneumatic Truck Set 8868, which should test the skills of all you TECHNIC expert builders, with its combination of compressor and pneumatic systems. Air pressure for all the pneumatic functions is supplied from a built-in motor and motor pump.

Smaller sets include the Mechanical Digger Set 8828, and the pneumatic Excavator Set 8837, ideal for gaining TECHNIC building experience before moving on to the larger model sets. The



# TOOLO

## CLICK-CLACK-CLICK

This is the sound that may be heard in many a DUPLO collector's home from September, when the new DUPLO TOOLO range of sets are introduced. Use the specially designed TOOLO screwdriver to build super models such as the Mobile Crane Set 2930 and the Fire Truck Set 2940, and have all the fun of familiar brick building with the added thrill of using a 'real' tool just like Mum or Dad. Listen to the

satisfying click-clack sound as the screwdriver tightens the in-built screws to secure your model.

As many of you will know, DUPLO sets are intended for smaller children, but the new TOOLO range is designed for ages 3 - 6 years old, but we are sure that many older brothers and sisters will want to take their 'turn' (TOOLO joke, geddit?)

Prices should range from around £11.50 for the smaller Dumper Truck Set 2910, to around £30 for the Fire Truck Set 2940 when they hit the shops in September.

We think that the new DUPLO TOOLO range will give building a new 'twist'.







## COMPETITION TIME

We've managed to pirate away 50 'Sea Lion' sets worth around £31 each for Club Members in this exclusive competition.

We want Club Members to write a Pirate Poem for us. It can be about any aspect of Pirate adventures, or any of the Pirate Characters.

Send your poems to Competition Time LEGO Club Ruthin Road Wrexham LL13 7TQ by August 17th. Don't forget to tell us your name, address and age.

new sets also include a Propeller Plane Set 8836, which features a twin cylinder engine, working pistons and a crankshaft that connects to the prop - very realistic!

Look out for these exciting additions to the TECHNIC range, in your local toy stores or Construction centres.

Good Building.



## BRICKLAYER EXTRAORDINAIRE

When we decided to place some huge LEGO bricks outside our Wrexham offices there was only one man to ask to do the job. Geoff Capes - who else?

Geoff holds world records for brick lifting, throwing, and carrying, so he was just right to put our huge bricks into place.

Each giant replica 8 stud brick measures 3.2 metres long and weighs 300 kilos. The bricks were made in Denmark using glass fibre so they would be strong yet light enough to move around.

These bricks are now firmly bolted down outside LEGO's Wrexham HQ to make sure no one misses the LEGO site.



Q: What tree never grows?

A: Yew tree

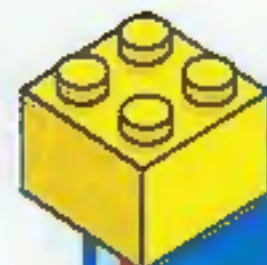
Philip Murrell, Dorset

Q: Why do cows wear bells in Switzerland?

A: Because their horns don't walk

James O'Donnell, Co. Dublin





# Away SUMMER

A "Golden" MAST sent to each of the member here. If you have a photograph in telling us why and how could become a Master Builder in the next issue of Bricks 'n'



## ANOTHER GREAT COLLECTION OF WINNERS

**1** **REBECCA DAVIES** visited the local fire station with the Brownies and decided it would be a good idea to build a fireman.

**2** **SARAH AND KATIE NURCOMBE** aged 7 and 6 find LEGO more interesting than their much neglected dolls. As you can see they prefer to build dolls.

**3** **MATTHEW LOUGH** aged 7 placed his model of a duck in the garden to take this photograph, what a good idea.

**4** **THOMAS ALLEN** aged 8 has just started piano lessons so thought a model of a piano would be a good idea.

**5** **MARK COLES** aged 5 built a model of a sport hovercraft. Maybe the idea came from his Dad who races a hovercraft in Formula 3 in Britain and sometimes in Europe. How exciting.

**6** **MATTHEW COSSEY** aged 6 is pictured here with his model of a pirate holding a treasure chest.



# RDS

## 1992

**BUILDER BADGE** is those models are shown of a special model, send to build it, and you too if your model is shown.



**7 ALEX THUT** aged 10 sent us this photograph of George and the Dragon which he is also entering for the LEGO World building competition.

**8 SCOTT WADDELL** aged 9 sent us this photograph of a family of cats. Scott spends a lot of his time building with his LEGO bricks.

**9 DIARMUID TORNEY** aged 11 went to Spain on his Summer holidays and flew home on a Boeing 737, just like his model. It holds 16 figures including pilot, navigator and air hostesses.

**10 STUART PILL** aged 11 did a topic on flight at school and because Stuart likes Sea King helicopters, decided to build this wonderful model.

**11 PHILIP WEBB** aged 7 decided to build Donald Duck after seeing a picture of Edd the Duck in the last Bricks'n Pieces magazine.

*Well done!*



Q Why are builders always frightened?  
A Because their models stand on end.  
Author: Martin Jacobson, Walsley





# BUILDING I D E A



Hello there once again - I've been so busy it seems ages since the last issue of Bricks'n Pieces!

As I drive up and down the country I have the radio on, so I thought, "Let's have a musical building idea!"

- a Banjo

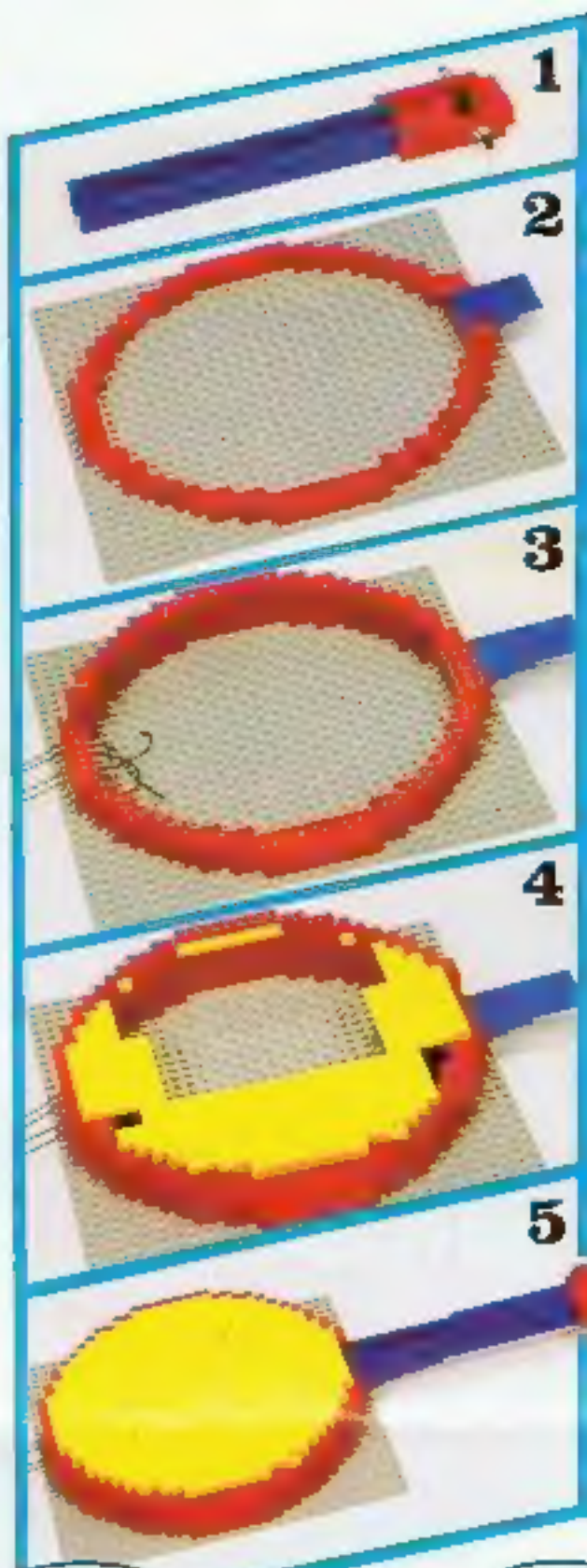
(One of my ambitions is to go to a New Orleans Jazz Festival)

Any more ideas? Can we build a complete band between us?

Congratulations to Alan Kemp from Boston, a small prize is on it's way to you - Alan's suggestion for what Toucan Sam in the last issue could be saying is "One can build a Toucan, but two can build even better." Well done Alan.

I'll be "strumming along" now (ouch!) - Keep your eyes open in your local LEGO Construction Centre - you might see me there one day!

*Elaine*



First build the neck of your banjo. Lay out a layer of plates 30 studs long and 4 studs wide. Then place bricks along the top of each side. Insert a wheel axle at the top of the neck as shown.

Use a baseplate at least 25mm square to build the circular base of your banjo. Use the staircase technique and be sure to interlock your bricks to give your model strength.

Add two layers of bricks to the sides of the base and build an extension where you'll attach the neck. Place bricks over four pieces of string to hold the string in place.

Attach LEGO plates to the inside edges of your base as shown. Criss-cross your plates in several layers to extend across the width of the base. (The banjo will be hollow under these layers.)

Finish covering the top of the banjo. Attach the neck and add details to it. Remember, the more detail, the more realistic it will look.

Pull the strings across the top of the banjo and add bricks to hold them in place at the base and the neck. Use your imagination to decorate your colourful new banjo. Then, carefully pull off the baseplate and you're ready to jam!



## NEW CANOE RIDE FOR LEGOLAND PARK

The Park's model builders have been very busy, they have built 42 different animals, all life size, to recreate a huge North American wildlife setting for the park's new Canoe ride. You will travel in canoes around the scene with a watersplash to end this exciting new ride.

They have used over 1,250,000 LEGO bricks to build elk, bison, grizzly bears, pumas, beavers, raccoons, and a golden eagle.

The golden eagle is huge - it has a wingspan of 1.85m. The elk are 2.2m tall and from nuzzle to tail nearly 3m long.

LEGO Club Members lucky enough to be visiting the park can see these animals for themselves. If they remember to take this special token with them they can have a free ride.

Hope you enjoy it!



The  
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Club

ONE FREE RIDE  
ON THE  
LEGO CANOE RIDE



**LEGO**



**F**ollowing the success of the Safari and Fun Shows, we have built a third show on the theme of Pirates to tour big Shopping Centres.

These latest models feature Pirate characters involved in all sorts of Piratelike activities, digging for treasure, playing-cards, set adrift on a raft, up before the magistrate and dancing in the tavern.

All the model cases have lots of funny details. Our Danish model builders really enjoyed building these models. I particularly liked their Pirate Rats, with their eye patches and earrings.

The whole show took over 6 months to build and uses in excess of 150,000 bricks.

The Pirates open in Galway, Republic of Ireland on 4th July and then begins it's tour around the UK.

### TOUR DATES

**Eyre Centre, Galway**  
4th - 18th July

**Merry hill Centre, Brierley Hill West Midlands**  
25th July - 8th August

**Bond Street Centre, Leeds**  
15th - 31st August

**Dolphin Centre, Poole**  
5th - 19th September

**Castle Court, Belfast**  
26th September - 10th October

**Galleria, Hatfield**  
17th - 31st October

These dates and venues were correct when we went to press, but please check locally for opening hours before making a long journey.

## FUN SHOW TOUR DATES

**Elmsleigh Centre, Staines**  
10th - 25th July

**Port Arcades, Ellesmere Port**  
31st July - 15th August

**Brunswick Pavilion, Scarborough**  
21st August - 5th September

**County Square, Ashford, Kent**  
11th - 26 September

**Arndale Centre, Wellingborough**  
2nd - 17th October



**Did you know?**  
1,131,000 LEGO Ghosts floated out into the daylight in 1990



## INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LEGO BUILDING 1992

At the time we went to press, entries were pouring in from Club Members and we were getting ready for the National Final in June.

A full report of the National Final will appear in our next issue in October

**Did you know?**

143 million LEGO mini figures were made last year

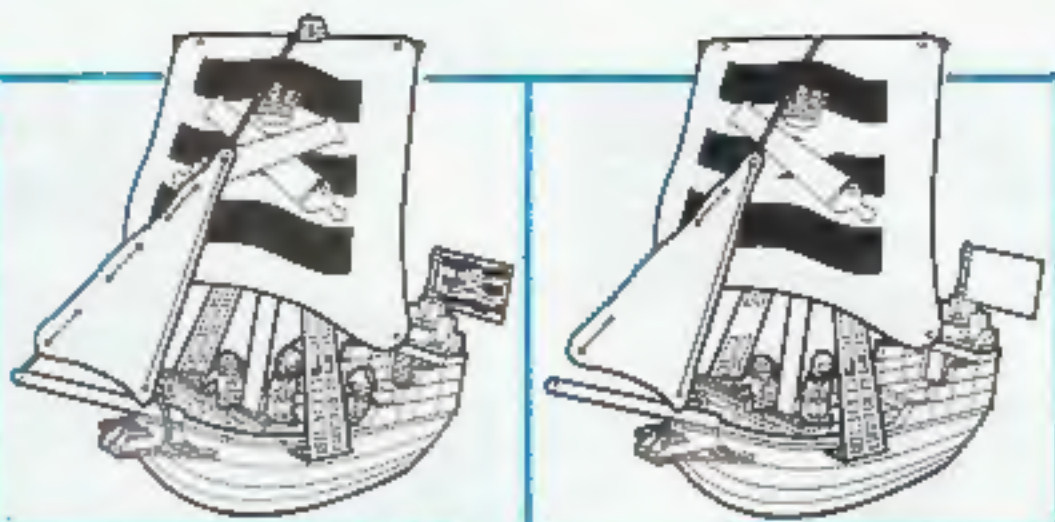




## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

We know that you all like doing puzzles, so we have decided to include a Pirate Spot the Difference in this edition.

This is only for fun so do not send in your answers as there are no prizes. I am sure that Club Members will be able to find all the differences but just in case, there are 10.



## Aviation News

Andrew Hall and Robert King wrote to us telling us how they and their friends built these Lancaster and Wellington bombers using LEGO bricks.

Both planes are working models and as you can see from the pictures, very good replicas.

The Lancaster is 77cm long and has a wingspan of 91 cm. A TECHNIC motor is used to turn the middle turret and

the cockpit, and bombardier's compartment lights up. The undercarriage flaps and bomb doors are in working order.

The Wellington is 69cm long with a wingspan of 87cm. All the guns move up and down, the flaps, undercarriage, and bomb doors all work and the cockpit and forward gun turret light up.

Both aircraft have the correct RAF markings.

Well done to Andrew and Robert for these detailed models which earn them Master Builder Badges.



## HMS VANGUARD

We were so impressed by the photographs of a 15 foot scale model of HMS Vanguard, sent in by Mr R W Dickson of Epping, that we felt we should share them with you.

No part of this model is glued or reinforced, and the whole structure, including the internal supports, is constructed from LEGO bricks. Only Mr Dickson knows exactly how many bricks were used in this model, and also how many sets had to be bought in order to provide the right quantity of each coloured brick! Unfortunately, we do not have the building instructions to build this super model, as Mr Dickson built it entirely from memory.



## ACTION PLEASE

Club member Aonghus O'Dunlaing from Dublin is 11 years old and has been a club member for 5 years.

Last year Aonghus built a large railway layout to show at a local railway exhibition where it was spotted by the manager from Arnotts in Dublin.

Club members will probably remember that Arnotts is the big Dublin store where we have a LEGO exhibition every Christmas.

Arnotts invited Aonghus to bring along his railway layout and display it at the same time as the LEGO Show.

Aonghus' model was very impressive, it had 3 trains, ten houses, lots of lorries and cars and an airport.

Aonghus found he had a problem keeping the layout realistic while using his castle, pirate, and robin hood pieces. He got round this problem by making a film set in one corner. He built a ruined castle and set up a battle scene with his Robin Hood figures and knights in front of a film crew.

He also used all his police vans and men to act as a barrier to keep the LEGO people off the film set.

When our model designer Elaine Jones saw the model she was very impressed with the film set idea and suggested Aonghus should have his Master Builder's Badge for this model.

We're sure lots of Club Members will want to use this idea in their models as well.

Well done Mr Dickson, you really are a Master Builder!





# clubshop

## SPECIAL OFFER

## BUM BAG



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We have just had this colourful bum bag designed exclusively for Club Members. It's just the thing for keeping your money safe on a day trip or even on your Summer holidays. The bum bag is only available through the Club shop for £4.95 plus postage and packing.

Use the order form below to order your bag.



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### CLUB SHOP ITEMS

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|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 11946 | LEGO Pen                          | 60p   |
| 11938 | Red LEGO Club Cap                 | £2.00 |
| 11953 | Black Knight Patch                | 30p   |
| 11927 | Space Stickers                    | 15p   |
| 11920 | LEGO Club Badge                   | 30p   |
| 11944 | LEGO Club Mug (while stocks last) | £2.25 |
| 11945 | Pencil Case                       | £1.00 |
| 11954 | NEW LEGO Red Lunchbox             | £2.65 |



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| 11955 | NEW LEGO Club Bum Bag                   | £4.95 |
| 11956 | NEW LEGO Club T-Shirt Age 3-4 Chest 26" | £3.00 |
| 11957 | Age 5-6 Chest 28"                       | £3.00 |

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| 11958               | Age 7-8 Chest 30"  | £3.00 |
| 11959               | Age 9-11 Chest 32" | £3.00 |
| POSTAGE AND PACKING |                    | 55p   |



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### COMPETITION WINNERS - WOLF PEOPLE'S LAIR

Howard Jarrel, Longfield, Kent. John Corbett, Eccles, Manchester. Paul H. Liam O'Malley, Hoylake. Nicholas Blackburn, West Norwood. Andrew Sill. Keith Lynch, Bray, Co Wicklow. Katherine Ret, Aintree. Heidi Andrews, C. Christopher Whitton, Eastleigh. Jason Smith, Sheffield. Romana Henry, Se. Amy Hunter, Ashted, Suney. Omar Abdool, Stock, Essex. James Millar, Paul Witherden, Harrow. Peter Duckworth, Blackburn. Christopher Shent.



# NEW SPACE POLICE KEEP OUR SKIES SAFE

Blacktrons Beware! That is the message from our reporter in space, as a new "Super Team" of three Space vehicles take to the skies from August, to help keep law and order.

All the new sets have their own prisoner cells on board whilst the largest set, Space Police Commander (6984) can be divided into three sections, and has its own hidden vehicle inside. Just the answer for a quick dash into troubled galaxies.

The Galactic Enforcer (6957) is a multi-terrain vehicle with its large wheels capable of riding over rocks and craters. A plane is towed behind on a trailer, always ready for a speedy take-off after any space law breakers. The Police Prisoner Patrol (6897) can detach its prisoner cell, and fold into a smaller space craft ready for quick action. Crafty!

I'm sure that we can all sleep safe, knowing LEGO® Systems Space will soon be protected by this elite force.

Look out for these sets in your local Toy Stores from the middle of August,  
prices should range from around £12.50 for  
set 6897, around £24 for set 6957  
and around £36 for  
set 6984



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